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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipate by Watson (US Patent No. 6,493,023 B1).

In considering claim 1, Watson discloses all the claimed subject matter, note 1) the claimed means for up-sampling the slower rate video signal to the desired rate is met by the up-sampling 30 (Fig. 2, col. 6, lines 44-67), and 2) the claimed means for adaptively filtering the up-sampled slower rate video signal using a human visual model to produce the smooth interpolated video signal is met by the temporal filtering of the time filter 42 (Figs. 2 and 5, col. 11, line 37 to col. 12, line 60).

In considering claim 2, the claimed further comprising means for restoring a direct current level for the smooth interpolated video signal is met by the DCT thresholds which computes for each color and DCT frequency (Figs. 2 and 5, col. 12, lines 14-60).

Claims 3-4 are rejected for the same reason as discussed in claims 1-2, respectively.

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Claims 5-6 are rejected for the same reason as discussed in claims 1 and 2, respectively.

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Kishimoto (US Patent No. 6,608,699 B2) discloses video processing apparatus for processing pixel for generating high-picture-quality image, method thereof, and video printer to which they are applied.

Wang et al. (US Patent No. 6,625,333 B1) disclose method for temporal interpolation of an image sequence using object-based image analysis.

Kieu et al. (US Patent No. 6,181,382 B1) disclose HDTV up converter.

Wise (US Patent No. 6,326,999 B1) discloses data rate conversion.

Sid-Ahmed (US Patent No. 5,621,470) discloses interpixel and interframe interpolation of television pictures with conversion from interlaced to progressive scanning.

Carr et al. (US Patent No. 4,609,941) disclose television signal standards conversion.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Trang U. Tran whose telephone number is (703) 305-0090. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM, Monday to Friday.


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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John W. Miller can be reached on (703) 305-4795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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September 1, 2004


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